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A Message from the President:

Thank you for being part of this celebration. As affiliate presidents, you are the driving force behind the NJEA and its proud record of advocacy on behalf of members. You work long hours for little, if any, financial reward. Your members, and indeed all members of this association, are indebted to you for your selfless contributions. This evening is intended to honor you, to highlight your efforts and achievements and to thank you, in a small way, for the many things you do all year for those whom you represent. On behalf of my fellow officers and all NJEA members, allow me to offer my thanks for your invaluable and outstanding service.

Sincerely,

Edithe Fulton
President

Program:

Welcome

Soup is Served

**Recognition of
Award for Excellence Recipients**

**Recognition of
Emerging NJEA Leaders**

President's Remarks

**Recognition of
Distinguished Leadership Honorees**

Dinner is Served

Awards for Excellence

NJEA annually honors New Jersey public high school graduates who have gone on to distinguished careers in their fields. This year's

recipients join a long line of professionals, artists and public servants who have received this award.

Timothy Broege – Born and raised in Belmar, NJ, Mr. Broege is an accomplished composer and musician. After graduating from Manasquan High School and Northwestern University, Broege taught in the Chicago Public Schools for two years before accepting a position as an elementary school music teacher in Manasquan, NJ. He is currently organist and director of music at First Presbyterian Church in Belmar, a position he has held since 1972, and organist and director of music at the historic Elberon Memorial Church in Elberon, NJ.

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Broege is the recipient of numerous grants and commissions. He was recently commissioned by NJEA to compose a song commemorating NJEA's 150th Anniversary. The song will be performed at the New Jersey All-State Concert on Friday evening at the Convention.

In addition to his compositional activities, Broege is an active recitalist on early keyboard instruments and the recorder.

Julio M. Fuentes – Mr. Fuentes serves as a judge in the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. A graduate of Toms River High School, he attended Southwestern Illinois University and served in the military. After a tour of duty in the Panama Canal Zone, he graduated from Southern Illinois and University of New York at Buffalo Law School.

Fuentes spent two years in general law practice before starting his own law firm Fuentes, Plant, and Velazquez. He was appointed part-time municipal judge in the city of Newark in 1978, before serving full-time from 1982-87. At that time he also earned two masters' degrees.

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Awards for Distinguished Leadership

This year's Affiliate Presidents' Dinner recognizes four local affiliate presidents whose contributions have furthered the cause of Great Public Schools in New Jersey. The

four honorees chosen this year represent the hundreds of local affiliate presidents across the state who help keep New Jersey's public schools the best in the nation.

Betty Glenn – Ms. Glenn is the founding president of the Trenton Paraprofessional Association. A classroom paraprofessional for over 25 years, Ms. Glenn led the effort to organize her colleagues in Trenton and played a major role in winning their bargaining rights in 1999. She has since been instrumental in helping her association make tremendous gains in salary, benefits and professional development. With the advent of the No Child Left Behind law, she instituted an innovative and proactive program that allowed members to earn college credits and become highly qualified under the federal definition.

Fred Frangiosa – Mr. Frangiosa is president of his all-inclusive local, the Bergenfield Education Association. A Head Custodian in his district, Mr. Frangiosa has been a long-time active member of the BEA, prior to being elected president in June of 2002. Described by people who know him as a “go-getter,” he finds time in addition to his career and his association work to be actively involved in his community. Using a Pride grant while serving as vice president of the association, Frangiosa started a program called the Bergenfield Showcase to make city residents aware of community resources while raising the association's profile in Bergenfield.

Kate Smith – Ms. Smith is president of the New Brunswick Education Association. Her vision for urban education reform led her to spearhead a cooperative project with her members, school administrators and the Board of Education to create a model school within one of New Brunswick's existing schools. Known as the Academy Project at Lincoln Annex, the model school has garnered widespread praise for its focus on small class sizes, community and business partnerships and intensive family involvement.

Marcia Genova – Ms. Genova is president of the Atlantic City Education Association. Known for her hands-on approach to association leadership, Ms. Genova stays in close contact with her membership by frequently visiting school buildings throughout the district. She has been successful in forging a strong relationship with the district's administration, which has benefited her members by allowing many potential problems to be solved without resorting to time-consuming confrontational approaches. She has also been instrumental in bringing additional educational resources to the community in which the casino industry earns enormous profits, but in which schools historically did not share in the benefits of those profits.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Awards for excellence recipients are New Jersey public school graduates who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in their fields of expertise. NJEA will honor this year's award winners at the NJEA Affiliate President's Dinner on Thursday night at the Convention.

To nominate New Jersey public school graduates for future consideration, look for a nomination form in the December issue of the NJEA Reporter.



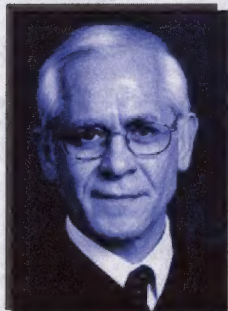
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NJEA's Emerging Leaders

NJEA's future is being determined today by the leadership rising out of the ranks of our newest members. Local and county presidents were asked to identify promising young leaders from their associations to be honored as NJEA's Emerging Leaders.

Each county affiliate president was asked to nominate one emerging leader from that County's membership. Those nominees were invited to join this dinner tonight. They demonstrate by their presence here that NJEA's future indeed looks very bright.

Prior to the nominations by the county presidents, each local president was given the opportunity to nominate an emerging leader from his or her local. The criteria were simple: the member should be

relatively new to the profession, and should show promise to develop into a strong future leader. Clearly, there is no shortage of emerging leadership in this Association. The nominations received are listed below.

Atlantic County
Andre Clements
Oakcrest-Absegami TA

Gloucester County
Michelle Mitchell
Clayton EA

Ocean County
Justin Dolcimascolo
Jackson EA

Bergen County
Chris Kirkby
River Edge EA

Hudson County
Laura Sciortino
Weehawken EA

Passaic County
Michelle Gedaleta
Bloomingdale Teacher Assn

Burlington County
April Wallis
Delran EA

Hunterdon County
Kim Webster
Flemington-Raritan EA

Salem County
Scott Pieczara
Pittsgrove EA

Camden County
Susan Eith
Gloucester Twp. EA

Mercer County
Kathryn Maloney
Hopewell Valley
Support Staff Assn

Somerset County
Daynon Blevins
Hillsborough EA

Cape May County
Claudia Gentzow
Wildwood Crest EA

Middlesex County
Valerie Niemiera
Metuchen EA

Sussex County
Andrew Vanderplaats
Walkill Valley EA

Cumberland County
Diane Garrison
Cumberland Reg. EA

Monmouth County
James Walsh
Manalapan-Englishtown EA

Union County
Diane Yglesias
Plainfield EA

Essex County
Janel Condouris
Livingston EA

Morris County
Kim Lass
Morris Plains EA

Warren County
Fran Gray
Warren Tech EA

Atlantic County
Egg Harbor City EA
Joan Rotellini
Buena Regional EA
Debbi Steineder
Estell Manor EA
Charles Morgenweck
Mullica Twp.
Barbara Rheault
Atlantic City EA
Joseph Bochniak
Pleasantville EA
Robin Viorla
Somers Point EA
Darcy Broglin
Oakcrest-Absegami TA
Andre Clements
Port Republic EA
Aime DeGirolamo
Hammonton EA
Lewis Testa
Absecon EA
Jacqueline Akeret

Bergen County
Carlstadt EA
Jill Nagurka
Lyndhurst EA
Robert Gangeruso
Waldwick EA
JoAnn Ferrara
Waldwick EA
Patricia Byme
Hackensack EA
Joseph Cyulay
River Edge EA
Chris Kirkby
Englewood TA
Elizabeth Barra

Ridgefield EA
Nancie Thompson
Fair Lawn Custodians Assn
Giuseppe Soriano
B/C VT Assn of Custodial & Maintenance Personnel
Gerald Bayak
Harrington Park EA
Ross Herbert
Becton EA
Katie LaVarco
Oradell EA
Roberta Jacobs
BCC Support Staff Assn
Al Legge
Closter EA
Joan Caputo
BCVTSEA
MiYoung Min
Haworth EA
Jennifer Olik
Lodi Custodian & Maintenance Assn
Dorothy Blain
EA of Paramus
Shari Mendelson
Rutherford EA
Anissa Eggar-Smith
Secretaries Assn
Jackie Knight

Burlington County
Northern Burl. Co. Reg. TA
Tracy Bryce
Delran EA
April Wallis
Tabernacle EA
Cheryl Larson
Lumberton Twp. EA
Denise Conner

Beverly EA
Nancie Thompson
Lenape EA
Tom Tamburello
Evesham Twp. EA
Laura O'Driscoll
Riverside EA
Dan Stellwag
Camden County
Educational Assistants of
Cherry Hill
Eric Stinson
Voorhees EA
Robert Rossi
BHPEA
Andrew Hodlofski
Camden City
Carmen Stokes
Oaklyn Public School
Michael McCarty
Magnolia Public School
Louise Adams
Winslow Twp. EA
Mary N. Grace
Audubon EA
Susan Eith

Cape May County
Ocean City EA
Susan Palmer
West Cape May EA
Maureen McLaughlin
Wildwood Crest EA
Claudia Gentzow
Middle Twp. EA
Charles Gehman

Cumberland County
Bridgeton Assn of Non-teaching Specialists
Allison LaRue
Faculty Assn of Cumberland Co. College
Shelly Dean
Vineland EA
Michael Hindermeyer
Cumberland Reg. EA
Diane Garrison
Bridgeton. EA
James Criley

Essex County
Livingston EA
Janet Condouris
Essex County Vocational School Employees Assn
Pablo Plaza
East Orange EA
Carla Hinds
Essex Co. College Faculty Assn
Mustapha Saudi
Montclair EA
Elaine Pasquale
Verona EA
Nancy Hiscano
Bloomfield EA
Joya Clark

Gloucester
Swedesboro EA
Kathleen Conneen
G.R.E.A.
Lori Stuart
Clayton EA
Michelle Mitchell

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NJEA's Emerging Leaders

Hudson County

Weehawken EA
Laura Sciortino

East Newark EA
Gina Canali

Hunterdon County

Flemington-Raritan EA
Kim Webster

South Hunterdon Regional EA
Daniel Vorgity

Mercer County

Ewing Twp. EA
J. Michael Tucker

West Windsor Plainsboro Service Assn
Jane Cormack

Washington Twp. EA
Catherine Naughton

Hopewell Valley Support Staff Assn
Kathryn Maloney

Middlesex County

So. Brunswick E.A.
Edith Fox

Perth Amboy EA
Nadia Hallock

Metuchen EA
Valerie Niemiera

Highland Park EA
Linda Moran

Middlesex County

Vocational EA
Marlene Shakarian

Monmouth County

Neptune Twp. EA
Christine Ford

Keansburg TA
Mary Forsman

Hazlet Twp. EA
Kim Barber

Shore Regional EA
Catherine DiFede

Monmouth Regional EA
David Pinkas

Holmel Twp. EA
Susan Fullilove

Red Bank Borough EA
Ebony Baker

Fair Haven EA
Kristen Oberg

Manalapan-Englishtown EA
James Walsh

Morris County

Mendham Twp. EA
Christina Abrahamsen

Parsippany Troy Hills EA
Jason Stern

Rockaway Twp. Staff Assistants
Pam Antonello

Riverdale EA
Andrea Corselli

Morris Hills Regional EA
Ryan Edwisch

Denville EA
Barbara Marvel

Mt. Arlington EA
Allison Danubio

Hanover Para Regional EA
Noime Oarjano

Randolph EA
Nicholas Messare

Kinnelon EA
Brian Scanlon

Morris Plains EA
Kim Lass

Ocean County

Berkeley Twp. EA
Kimerlee Maison

Ocean Co. College Support Staff Assn
Bridget Root

Jackson EA
Justin Dolcimascolo

Toms River School Transportation Assn
Judith Huhn

Eagleswood Twp. EA
Roseann Meszaros

Toms River EA
Betsy Matthews

Manchester Twp. EA
Tom Scharibone

Passaic County

Bloomington TA
Michelle Gadaleta

Wanaque Borough EA
Peter Lesler

Clifton Transportation Assn
Craig Channie

Passaic C.M.A.
Daniel Rodriguez

North Haledon EA
Melissa Miranda

Passaic Custodial Maintenance PCTI
Scott Bischoff

Salem County

Pittsgrove EA
Scott Pieczara

Salem Teacher's Assn
Sandra Hassler

Salem County Council of Education
Tammy Rieger

Somerset County

Franklin Twp. EA
Ernest Batha, Jr.

Bound Brook EA
Meghan (Wolfe) Dushinka

Somerville EA
Michael Allen

Hillsborough EA
Daynon Blevins

North Plainfield
Madeline Colas

Montgomery Twp. EA
Ken Wilson, Jr.

Sussex County

Stillwater EA
Lisa Grau

Franklin EA
Susan Koeplinger

Byram EA
Jon Cadly

Hopatcong EA
Danielle Kovach

Franklin EA
Melissa Gonnoud

Walkill Valley EA
Andrew Vanderplaats

Union County

Union Co. College Employees Assn
Patrick Gallagher

Roselle EA
Anne Marie Lyp

Springfield EA
Candice Giordano

Rahway EA
Sylvia Rivera

Union Co. Vocational Technical EA
Nicole Oravic

Hillside EA
Scott Nelson

Plainfield EA
Diane Yglesias

Union Twp. EA
Laura Torres

Warren County

Warren Technical EA
Fran Gray

Allemuehy EA
Saundra Van Stone